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LIBYA

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1. FOR TRIPOLI. IF GREEK AMBASSADOR RAISES SUBJECT ISSUE
WITH YOU AGAIN, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT USG IS NOT PREPARED
TO APPROVE ANY THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER OF F-5'S TO LIBYA
AT THIS TIME.

2. FOR ATHENS. IN EVENT GREEK AUTHORITIES IN ATHENS
INITIATE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF GREEK F-5'S
TO LIBYA, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING AS WELL AS
STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY SET FORTH PARA ONE ABOVE:
HELLENIC AIR FORCE (HAF) CURRENTLY HAS FOUR SQUADRONS OF
F-RF A/B AIRCRAFT THAT ARE NATO COMMITTED. HAF FOR SEVERAL
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YEARS HAS SOUGHT REPLACEMENT OF ATTRITTED F-5'S.

UNDERSTAND THIS REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENT IS NOW FOR TEN AIR-
CRAFT IN ORDER TO BRING HAF NATO COMMITTED F-RF 5 A/B
SQUADRONS UP TO THEIR UE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF EIGHTEEN
AIRCRAFT PER SQUADRON. IT WOULD APPEAR, THEREFORE, THAT
ANY TRANSFER OF F-RF 5 A/B'S FROM HAF INVENTORY AT THIS
TIME WOULD BE TO FURTHER DETRIMENT OF FORCE COMMITTED TO
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